

April 12, 1934

Willis L. Ahern

Services for Willis L. Ahern 31, Rapid City, were held Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 2:00 p. m. at the Groton Methodist Church with the Rev. K. Oliver Brekke officiating. Burial was in the Groton cemetery. The Paetznick Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Robert Schuelke sang "Abide With Me," and "Rock of Ages," accompanied by Mrs. Robert Wegner at the organ.

Pall bearers were Gerald Cassels, John M. Clark, David Doeringsfeld, Jerrold Erdmann, Clarence and Harvey Hannon.

Willis Lee Ahern was born at Webster, S. D., to Charles and Merle Ahern of Andover, on Sept. 29, 1932.

He attended grade school in Scotland township, Day County, and graduated from Groton High School in 1950, then engaged in farming.

On Dec. 29, 1951, he was united in marriage to Marlene Schuelke of Groton. Four children were born to this union, Michael who died in infancy, Wallace, Richard and Patti.

In the summer of 1960 the family moved to Rapid City where he was employed in construction work.

Having been in ill health since April of 1963 resulting from a car accident, he suddenly passed away on Friday, Jan. 31, 1964 at his home in Rapid City.

He also enjoyed working with the little league baseball while his two sons participated. He also served several years on the school and township board while residing in Scotland township.

He was a member of the Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star in Andover and the Moose Lodge of Rapid City.

Survivors include his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Ahern, his wife, Marlene; two sons, Wallace and Richard and one daughter, Patti; two brothers, Charles of Denver, Colo.; and Warren of Summers, Mont., and one sister, Mrs. Robert Peterson (Phyllis), Minneapolis, Minn.